

# Troops to Teachers

The purpose of Troops to Teachers is to assist eligible military personnel to transition to a new career as public school teachers in schools serving students from low-income families.

## 1. Eligibility for Referral and Placement Assistance

Referral and Placement Assistance includes the following services:

- Access to our State Offices for counseling relative to becoming a certified teacher and for placement assistance
- Participation in the job referral process via the Internet
- Opportunity to post a mini-resume made available to school district recruiters
- Use of the TTT Electronic Bulletin Board where participants can post teaching related messages
- Use of the MENTOR Connection to contact TTT participants who are teaching for hints about transitioning to teaching as a second career

Those eligible for elementary and secondary teacher Referral and Placement Assistance Services must meet the following criteria:

- A. Service Requirements: Active duty personnel, who retire or separate with six or more years of service on or after October 1, 1990, - **or** - current members of the Reserve or Guard with six or more years of creditable service towards retirement. The last period of service must be honorable. Those selected to participate in the Program before retirement, separation, or release from active duty may continue to participate only if the last period of service is characterized as honorable.
- B. Educational Requirements: Must hold a Baccalaureate or advanced degree from an accredited institution at the time of registration for academic teacher referral - **or** - have the equivalent of one year of college with six years of work experience in a vocational or technical field for vocational/technical teacher referral.

## 2. Eligibility for Financial Assistance

Pending availability of funds, financial assistance may be provided to eligible individuals in the form of either (A) a stipend of up to \$5K for teacher certification expenses for which individuals must teach for three years in a school located in a "high-need" district; or (B) a bonus of \$10K to teach in a school serving a high percentage of students from low income families.

### Active Duty

**AD-1.** Retired from active duty.

**AD-2.** Active duty member with approved date of retirement with one year or less remaining before retirement.

**AD-3.** Separated on or after January 8, 2002 for physical disability. Must apply within four years after separation.

**AD-4.** Involuntarily discharged from active duty between October 1, 1990 and September 30, 1999 due to a Reduction In Force (RIF) and had six or more years of continuous active duty. Must apply by September 30, 2003.

### Reserve Component

**RC-1.** Retired from the drilling reserves.

**RC-2.** Currently serving in the drilling reserves with 10 or more years of creditable service towards retirement and commit to serving an additional three years, or until eligible for retirement.

**RC-3.** Separated from the drilling reserves due to a physical disability on or after January 8, 2002. Must apply within four years after separation.

**RC-4.** Individuals transitioning from active duty on or after January 8, 2002, and have served six years on active duty immediately before separation, and commit to three years with a drilling reserve unit. Must apply within four years after separation.